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**COLLIN HAWKINS SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON
ON FEDERAL CARJACKING AND GUN CHARGES**

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Andre M. Davis sentenced Collin Hawkins, age 24, today to 30 years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release following his conviction in February for carjacking, use of a handgun in a crime of violence and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Judge Davis enhanced Hawkins' sentence based on Hawkins' previous convictions for violent crimes and drug crimes.

United States Attorney Rod Rosenstein said, "We pursued this case in federal court because Collin Hawkins was a convicted felon who chose to carry a gun in Baltimore. As a result, he will spend the next 30 years in federal prison with no probation and no parole."

Testimony at the three day trial showed that Hawkins used a firearm to commit a carjacking on November 22, 2006. Hawkins was arrested on December 9, 2006 after a struggle with Baltimore City police officers in the 5600 block of the Alameda, and found to be in possession of a 9-millimeter pistol.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy and Assistant State's Attorneys Paul O'Connor and Tara Barnes, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore City Police Department for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jason Weinstein and Solette Magnelli, who prosecuted the case.